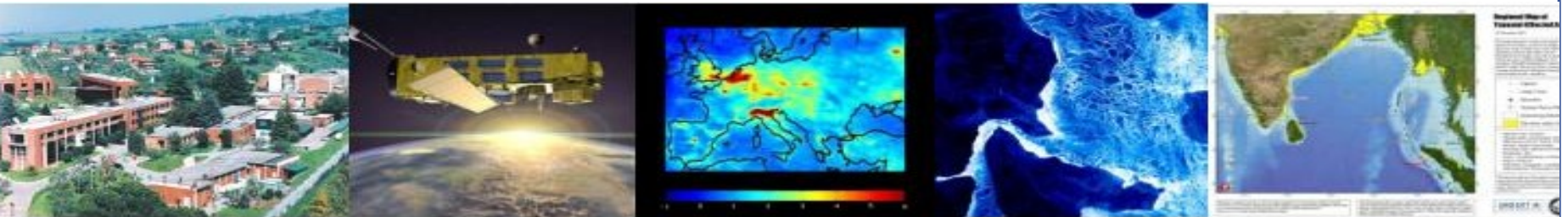


# Continuity of systematic observations from space in the frame of GMES

UNFCCC COP-14 ESA-WMO side event  
3 December 2008



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ESA, the European Space Agency, is an international organisation responsible for:

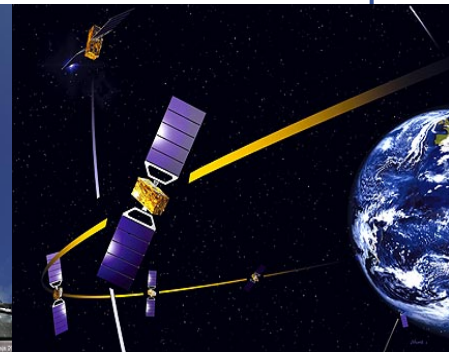
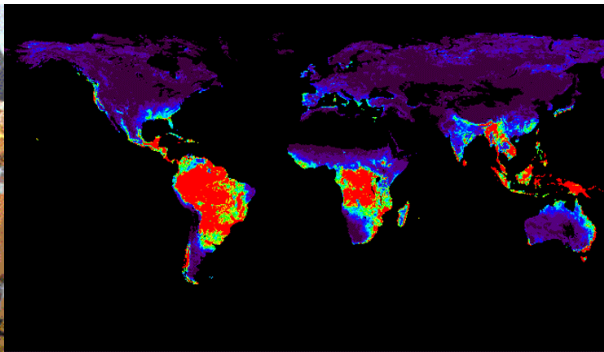
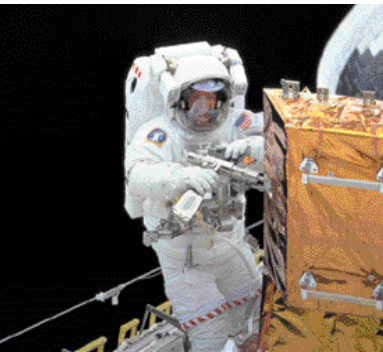
## Space science, research & technology Space applications

ESA is running:

- space **activities** and programmes
- a long term **space policy**
- a specific **industrial policy**
- **coordination** with national space programmes



- **18 ESA Member States:**  
*Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.*
- **Canada takes part in some projects under a cooperation agreement.**
- **A dedicated financial mechanism (PECS) allows East European countries to participate in ESA programs. Poland, Hungary, and Romania**



**30 years experience**  
**5 centres in Europe**  
**2000 staff members**

**3 billion per year**  
**60 satellites developed**  
**15 missions in operation**

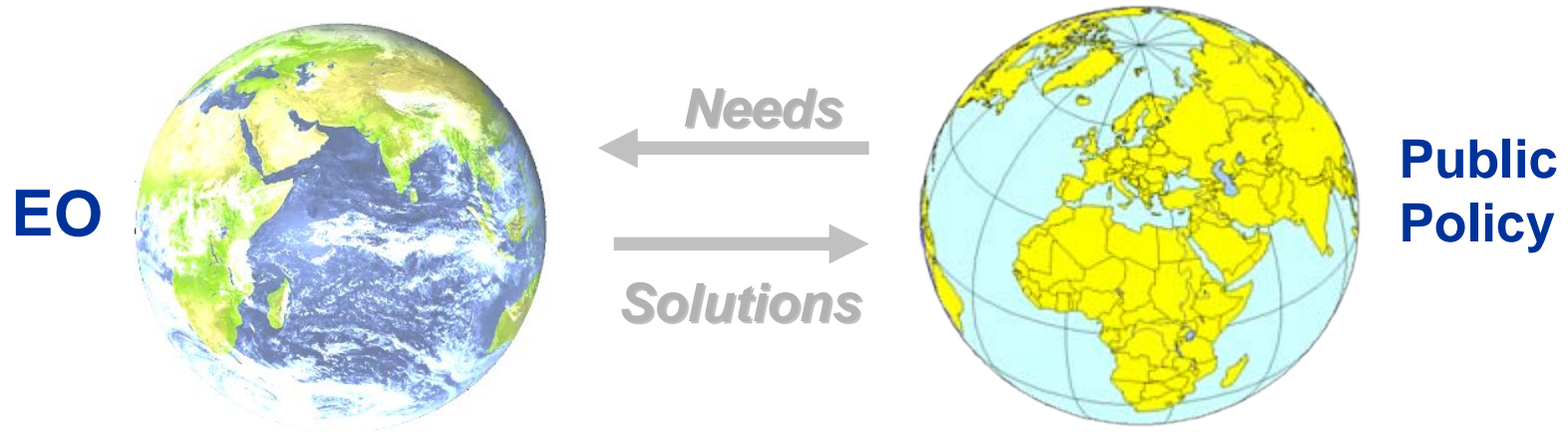
# Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES)



**European independence in data sources for  
environment and security monitoring**

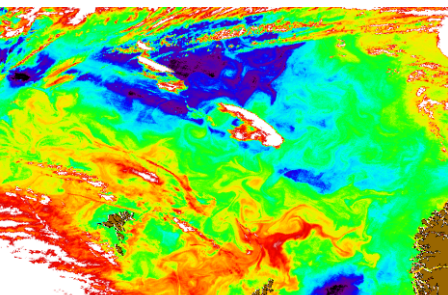
*and*

**The European contribution to the Global Earth  
Observation System of Systems (GEOSS)**

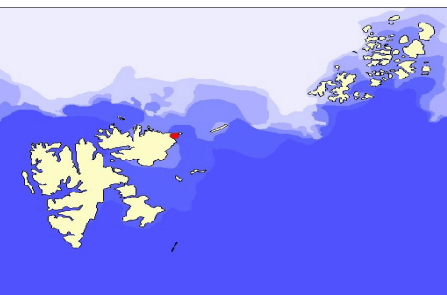


GMES is an EU-led initiative, in which **ESA** will define the technical specification and implement the Space Component and the **European Commission** will manage actions for identifying and developing services relying both on in-situ and remote sensing data.

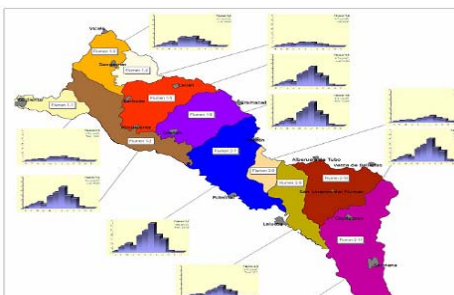




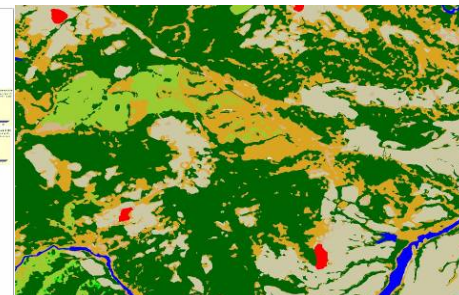
**MarCoast**



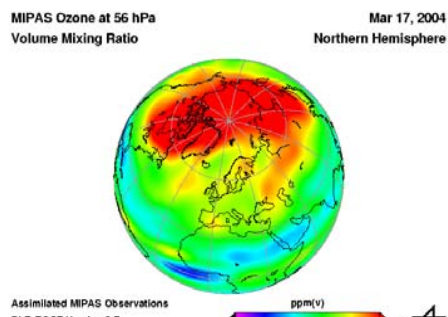
**PolarView**



**GSE Land**



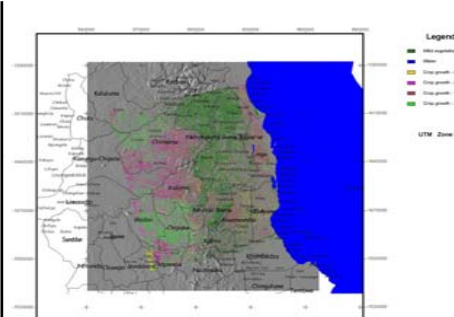
**Forest Monitoring**



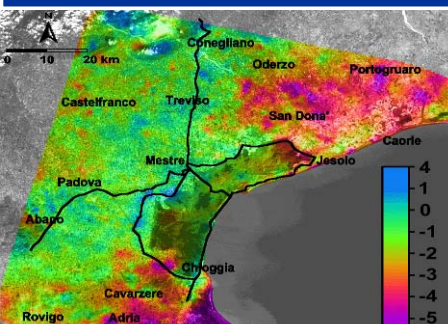
**PROMOTE**



**RISK-EOS**



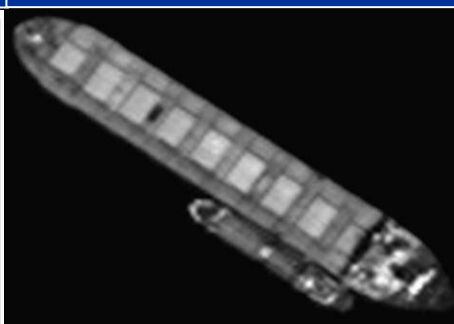
**GMFS**



**TERRAFIRMA**



**RESPOND**



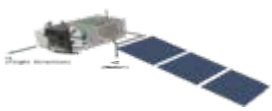
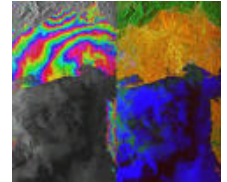
**MARISS**

- 10 Service Elements
- 100 + 25 M€ by ESA MSs
- Period 2003 – 2009/11
- 400+ User organisations



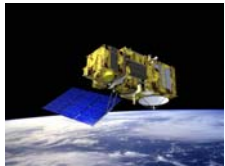
## Sentinel 1 – SAR imaging

- All weather, day/night applications, interferometry, ocean / ice / land



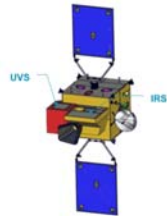
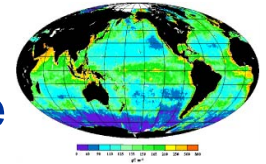
## Sentinel 2 – Superspectral imaging

- Continuity of Landsat, SPOT - type of data for land mapping



## Sentinel 3 – Ocean and Land monitoring

- Wide-swath ocean color, surface temperature and land mission & radar altimeter



## Sentinel 4 – Geostationary atmospheric

- Atmospheric composition monitoring, trans-boundary pollution



## Sentinel 5 – Low-orbit atmospheric

- Atmospheric composition monitoring

## Sentinel-1: C-band SAR mission



### Applications:

- monitoring sea ice zones and the arctic environment
- surveillance of marine environment
- monitoring land surface motion risks
- mapping in support of humanitarian aid in crisis situations

### 4 nominal operation modes:

- strip map (80 km swath, 5X5 m res.)
- interferometric wide swath (250 km swath, 20X5 m res.)
- extra wide swath (400 km swath, 25X100 m res.)
- Wave (5X20 m res.)

2300 Kg spacecraft mass

Sun synchronous orbit at 693 Km mean altitude

12 days repeat cycle

7 years design life time, consumables for 12 years

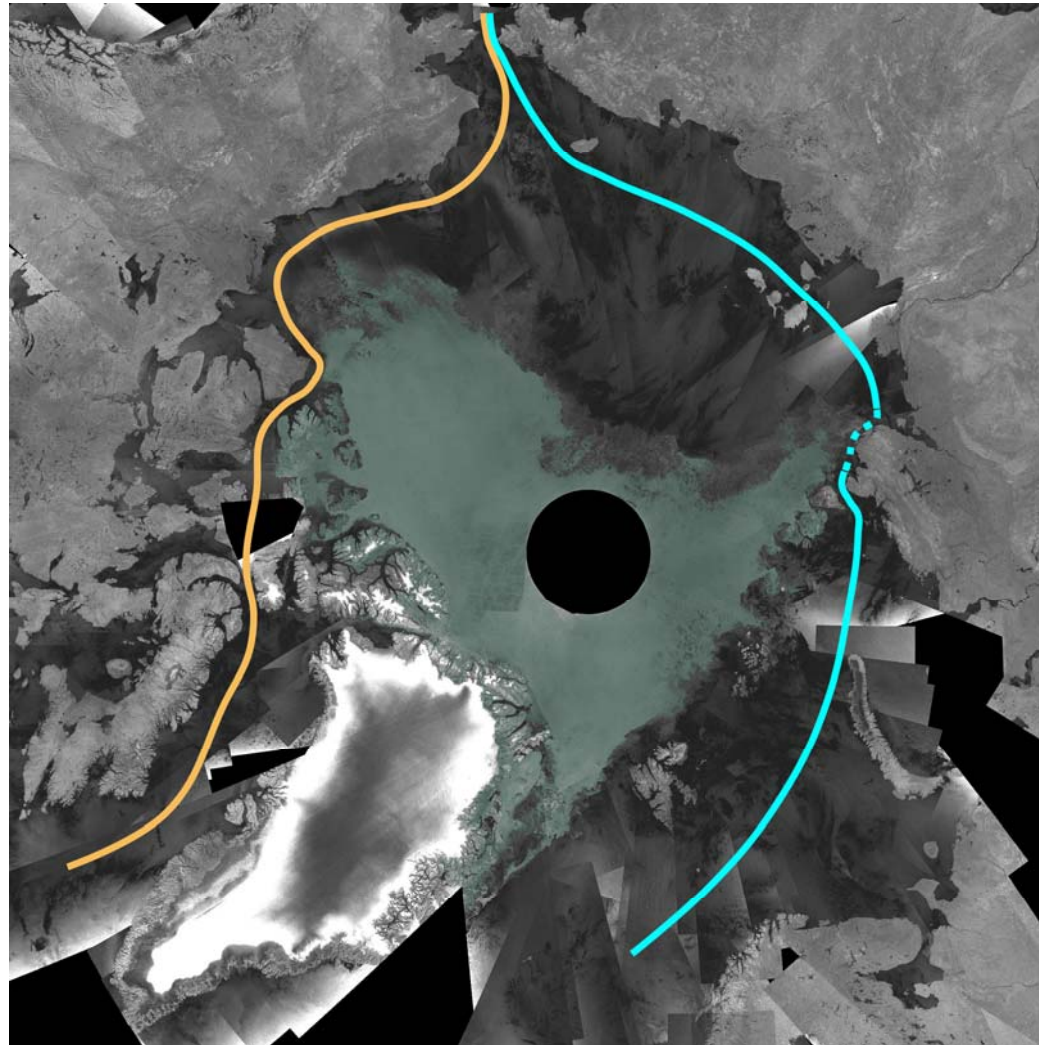


# **esa** Lowest Arctic ice coverage in history

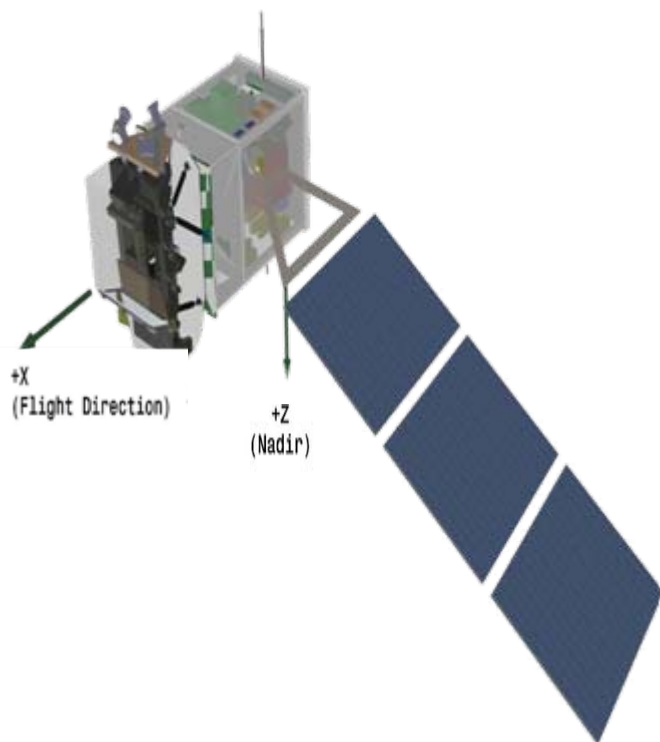
Northwest Passage  
open (orange line)  
and Northeast  
passage only  
partially blocked  
(blue line)

Dark grey represents  
ice-free areas,  
green represents  
areas with sea ice

Envisat ASAR  
mosaic 09/2007



## Sentinel-2: Superspectral imaging mission



### Applications:

- Generic land cover maps
- risk mapping and fast images for disaster relief
- generation of leaf coverage, leaf chlorophyll content and leaf water content

Pushbroom filter based multi spectral imager with 13 spectral bands (VNIR & SWIR)

Spatial resolution: 10, 20 and 60 m

Field of view: 290 km

1098 kg spacecraft mass

10 days repeat cycle

Sun synchronous orbit at 786 km mean altitude

7 years design life time, consumables for 12 years

- Develop tools to account for national Deforestation and Degradation emissions
  - Facilitate the regional and international exchange on learning experiences
- Identify opportunities for national incentive schemes and strengthened forest governance



- **Historic Baseline Assessment (Deforestation and Degradation) and Emission Projections**
  - National coverage
  - EO combined with sample based inventories (forest inventories and biomass)
  - Land use / cover change projections and economic modelling
- **Technical Procedures – EO, Inventories, etc. to be embedded in:**
  - National and international policy framework
  - Relevant institutional frame and forest governance
  - Capacity building



## Sentinel-3: ocean & global land mission



### Applications:

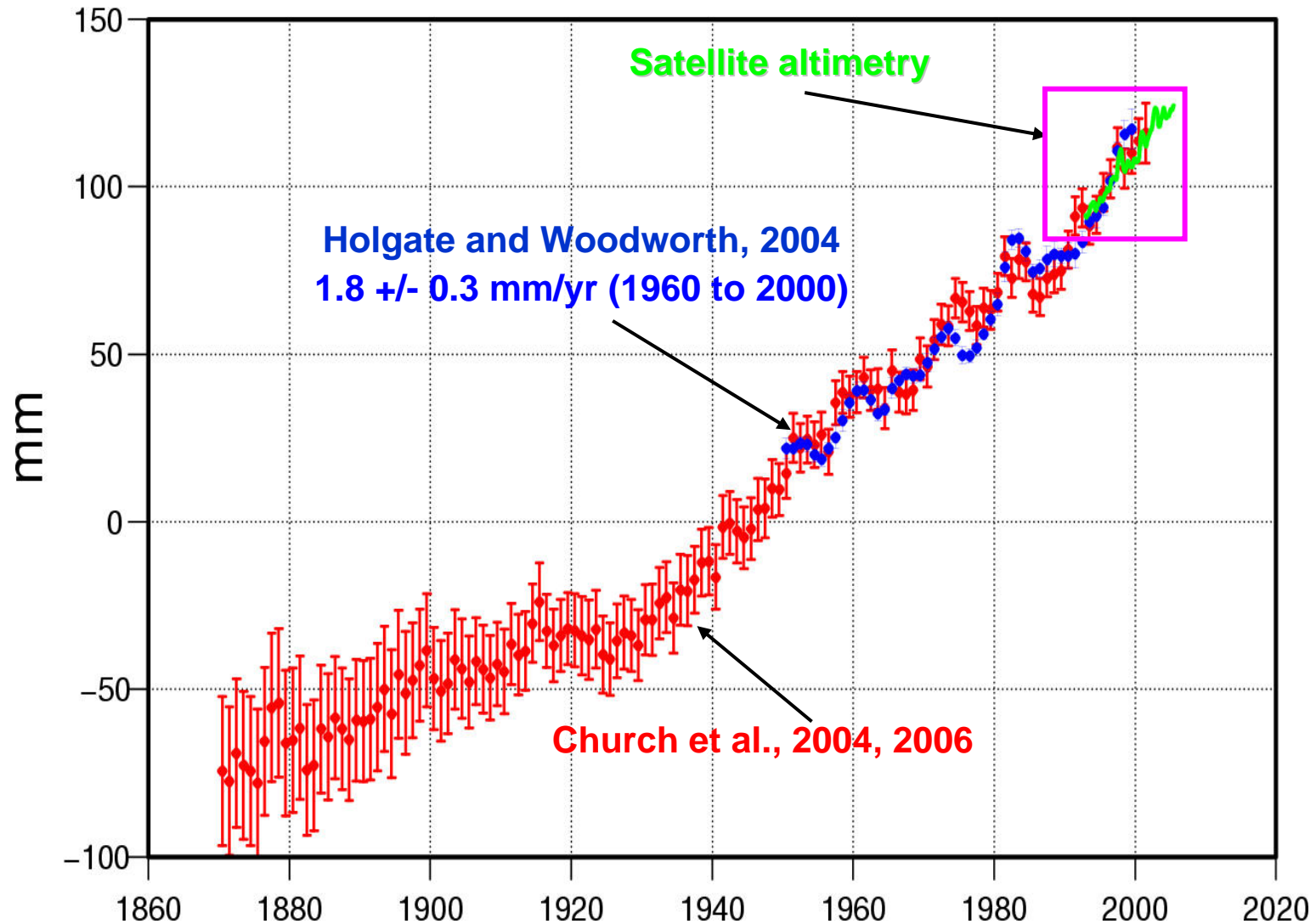
- Sea/land colour data and surface temperature
- sea surface and land ice topography
- coastal zones, inland water and sea ice topography
- vegetation products

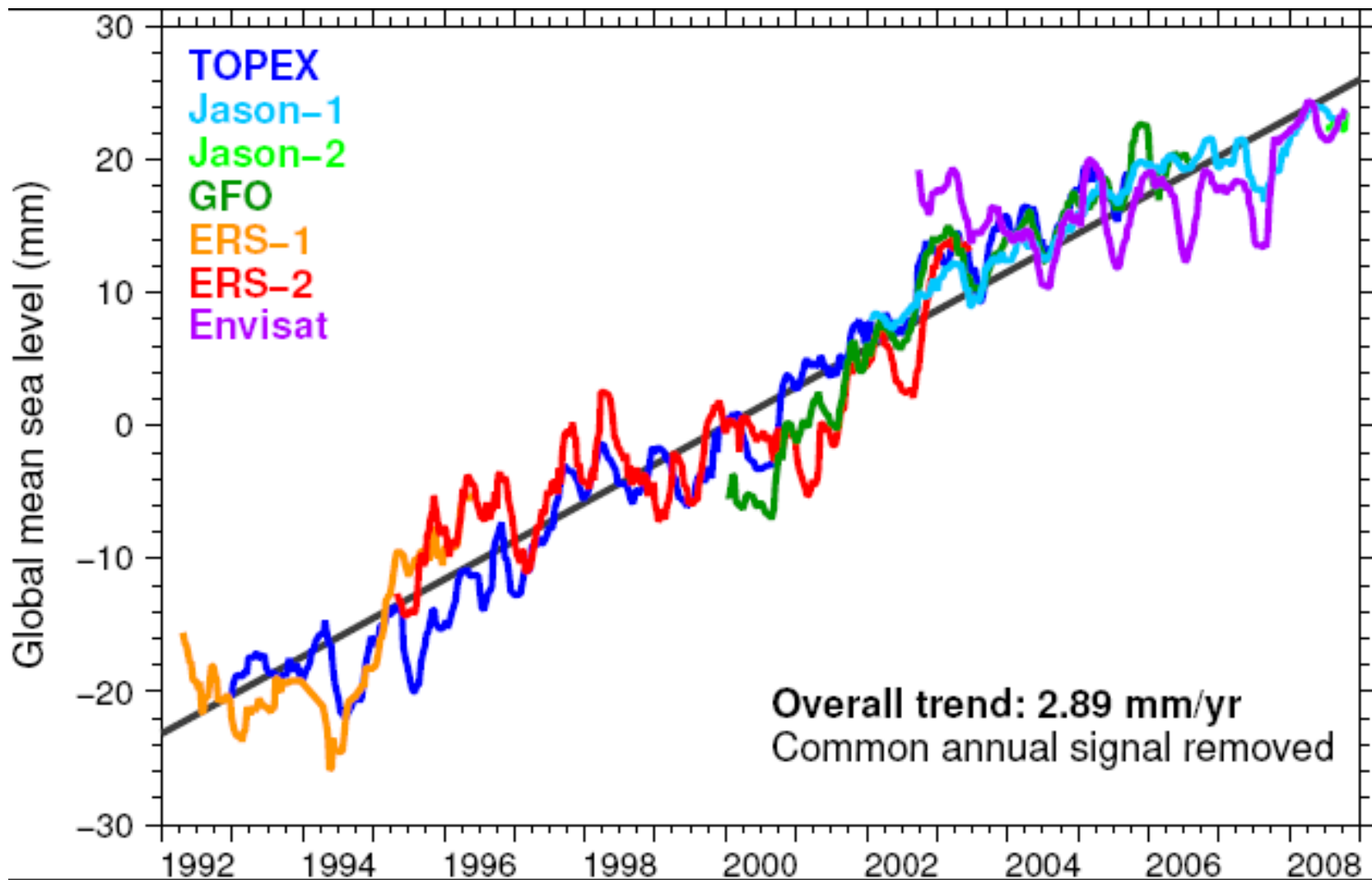
1198 kg spacecraft mass

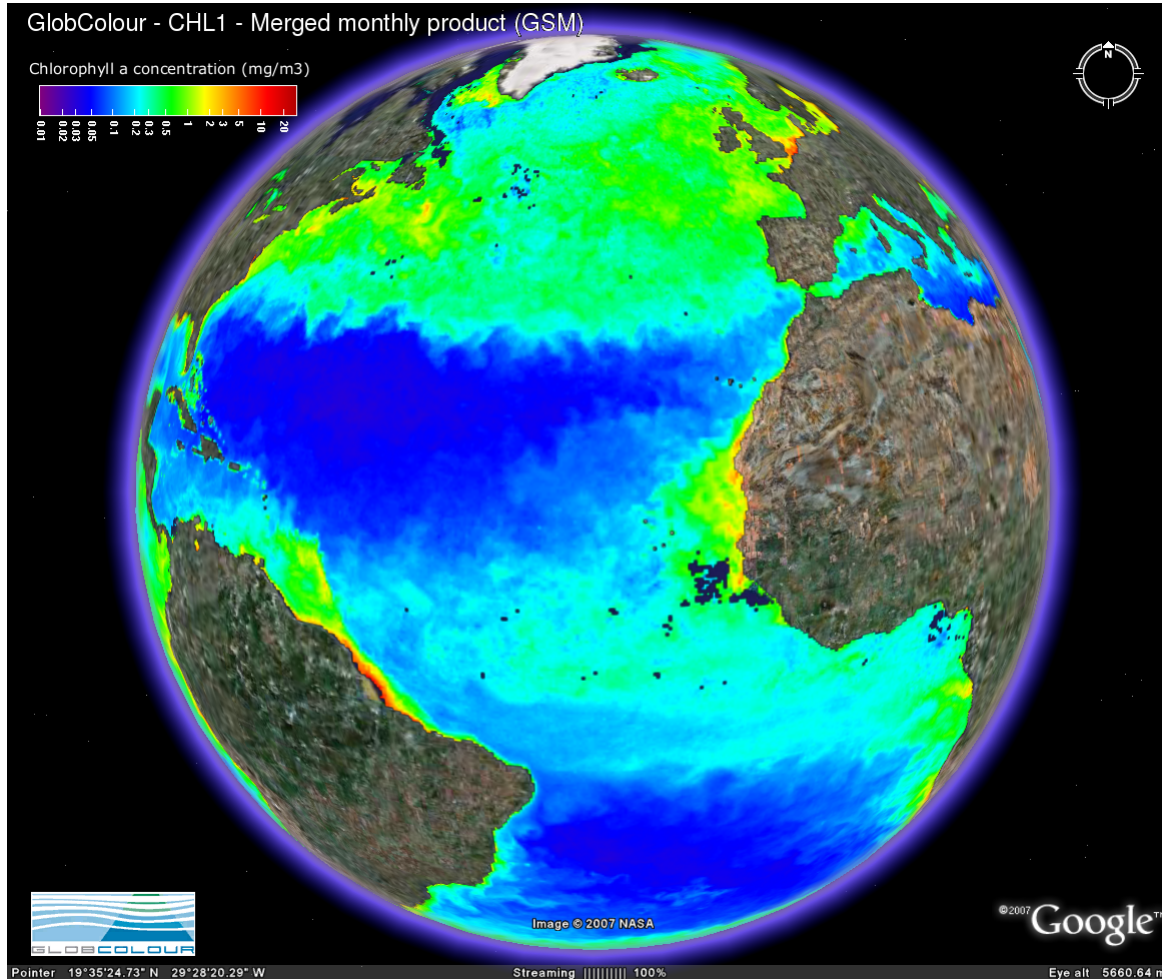
Sun synchronous orbit at 814.5 km mean altitude over geoid

27 days repeat cycle

7 years design life time, consumables for 12 years







## ESA GlobColour Project

Global merged MERIS-MODIS-SeaWiFS ocean colour product (Chl<sub>a</sub>)  
April 2003.

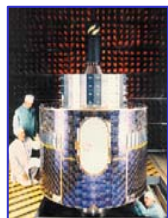
*Credit: ACRI, LOV, Univ. Plymouth, ICESS, NIVA, Brockmann Consult, DLR, ESA, NASA, GeoEye*



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# ESA Earth Observation Missions



METEOSAT Series

MSG

METOP

MTG

ERS-1

ERS-2

ENVISAT

CRYOSAT

SMOS

GOCE

ADM-Aeolus

Swarm

EarthCare

Sentinel-1

Sentinel-2

Sentinel-3

Sentinel-4

Sentinel-5

70s

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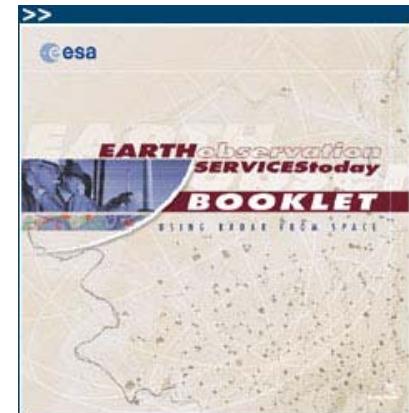
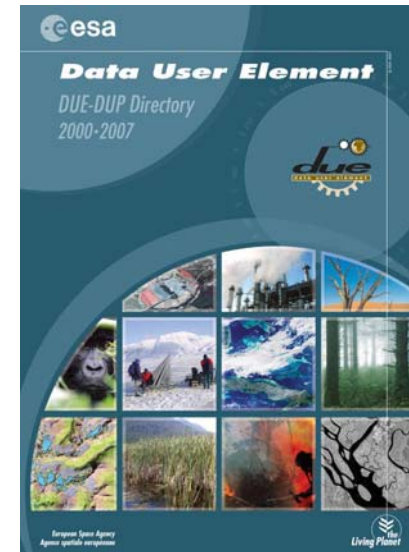
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